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SUBJECT: PUBLIC HOUSING IN SAUDI ARABIA, TRADE OPPORTUNITIES

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1. PUBLIC HOUSING FUNCTION WAS TRANSFERRED FROM MINISTRY OF FINANCE TO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING IN RE-ORGANIZATION OF SAG LATE 1975. THIS ACTION CALLED FOR COMPLETE REVAMPING OF SAG EFFORTS. UNTIL THIS DATE EMBOFFS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT NEW DEPUTY MINISTER FOR HOUSING, ONE SAUD LINJAWAI, ALTHOUGH REPEATED EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AT EVERY OCCASION OF TRIPS TO RIYADH.

2. EMBASSY EFFORTS AND COMMUNICATION OF INTEREST IN HOUSING DID RESULT IN SUBMISSION OF SAG REQUEST FOR LIST OF FIRMS WHO CAN MANAGE CONSTRUCTION. THIS LIST WAS SUBMITTED ON FEBRUARY 23 ON URGENT BASIS IN JIDDA 1306. WITH LIST CONTAINED IN STATE 75198 DATED MARCH 30, EMBASSY HOPES EFFORTS TO CONTACT MINPUBAFFAIRS AND HOUSING WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL. AMBASSADOR HAS ALSO HAD MEETING WITH MINISTER, WHICH SHOULD HELP MATTERS.

3. DETAILS OF HOUSING PROJECTS, PRE-QUALIFICATION, ETC. WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN AVAILABLE. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME TO SUBSTANTIATE COMMENTS IN PARA. 1 OF REFTEL.

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4. LIST OF AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

ALSO FORWARDED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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